

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Nantahala National Forest

Cheoah Ranger District

Order Number 08-11-02-17-01

Emergency Area Closure

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited due to fire suppression activities on the Cheoah Ranger District, Nantahala National Forest, in North Carolina. This order is in effect from November 12, 2016 until further notice.

1. Being on a National Forest System Trail when closed by a sign, gate, or barricade. 36 CFR 261.55(a)
2. Operating, leaving, possessing, parking a motor vehicle on any road when closed by a sign, gate, or barricade. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being in the area of closure by pedestrian and or horseback. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
4. Being in the area of closure using non motorized or wheeled conveyance (bicycle). 36 CFR 261.54(a)

AREA

- Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness (North Carolina)
- National Forest System lands south of Caulderwood Lake, and west of US 129 to Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness boundary
- National Forest System lands west of State Road 1127, east of Cherohala Skyway (NC 143), and north of Santeetlah Creek Road (NFSR 81) to Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness boundary.

ROADS

- NFSR 416 Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest Road
- NFSR 60 Big Fat Road
- NFSR 81 Santeetlah Creek Road
- NFSR 81F Wolf Laurel Road
- NFSR 81I Stewart Cabin Road

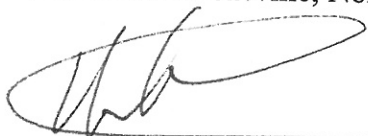
TRAILS

- TR 52 Belding Trail
- TR 2 Benton MacKaye Trail (East of Beech Gap)
- TR 41 Big Fat Trail
- TR 46A Deep Creek Connector Trail
- TR 46 Deep Creek Trail
- TR 56 Hangover Lead Trail
- TR 53 Hae Trail
- TR 45 Ike Branch Trail
- TR 53A Jenkin's Meadow Trail
- TR 43 Joyce Kilmer Memorial Loop Trail
- TR 55 Naked Ground Trail
- TR 44 Nichols Cove Trail
- TR 42 Slickrock Creek Trail
- TR 54 Stratton Bald Trail
- TR 217H Strawberry Knob Trail
- TR 2816A Swan Cabin Connector Trail
- TR 2816 Swan Cabin Trail
- TR 400 Windy Gap Trail
- TR 57 Wolf Laurel Trail
- TR 49 Yellowhammer Gap Trail
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Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina, on this 12th day of November, 2016



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